hereby certify that this correspondence is being eposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 129/04 Date of Deposit Anthony P. Curtis, Ph.D., Reg. No. 46,193 Name of applicant, assignee or Registered Representative Signature Date of Signature Case No. 9281/4198 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: Yuji Vanagisawa Serial No: 09/967,298 Examiner: D. Yuan Filed: September 28, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1745 For: BATTERY WITH PROTECTION CIRCUIT FOR PREVENTING **MALFUNCTION** REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir: Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114. M Applicant is: a small entity, verified statement is: attached already filed 02/04/2004 BABRAHA1 00000087 09967298 01 FC:1801

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